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## Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

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Re: New U.S. Patent Appln. Our Ref: 095309.53049US

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## Enclosed are:

- 1. Specification, including 20 claims (pages 19).
- 2. 2 Sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-3.
- 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (unexecuted).
- 4. Application Data Sheet
- 5. Certified copy of Priority Document filed in Germany on December 16, 2002, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
- 6. Information Disclosure Statement with 11 references.
  - 7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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